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FLORIDA'S FISH

According to Merlin Mitchell of Orlando, executive secretary of the Florida State Fish and Game association, the catch last year was worth \$300,000,000 a year "on the sportman's part." This is a huge sum. But his explanation of it is interesting.

"You know that every person that is engaged in the game, line, transportation, lodging, clothing, hardware, boats, groceries, fishing tackle, and many other occupations are in the fish business," he said. He added at a meeting of conservation officers in Gainesville last week.

"Did you know that in 1937 we had over 3,000,000 visitors in Florida, and that 95% of them were directly interested in fishing, that one-fourth of 3,000,000 is over 700,000, and that these 700,000 stayed an average of 70 days each and that each spent an average of \$300 in Florida during that time?"

"At least one-fourth of our own population," Mr. Mitchell added, "goes fishing for relaxation, sport and food, and they stay over 300,000 days."

Is there any need to look further for the major cause of the depletion of our fish resources? It takes a lot of fish to satisfy the demands of a world market of almost half a billion dollars a year, just to enjoy the outdoor sport.

Unless we have conservation we will soon have no fish. Mr. Mitchell declares the conservation of fisheries is the fight "a losing battle." "The net can be won only by those who do the fishing," Ocala Star.

TELLING THE SWEET YOUNG

We haven't listened to a graduation address for several years, and we have been wondering what the orators can say to the class these days. We have some ideas. Conditions, we imagine, make it somewhat difficult to paint the rosy picture that once was spread.

However, according to Editor M. M. Davis, Lee of the Winter Haven City Commission, it may be the same as in the past. He didn't deliver his views before a class, but spread them in his paper, and these are some of the words he had to say:

"...our educational services are now the order of the day. Lawyers, preachers and editors will all be giving advice to the youngsters, who are growing like sheep..."

"...we must be prepared to be of being either counselor, dominie or moulder of public opinion, but we wish to say that a few words to the boys and girls who are 'standing by' would be welcome from the brooks and river men."

"The world lives up to living, but it also expects you to get out and hustle to collect it. That isn't always as easy as some orators will tell you. You can't buy the parchment, but you can make the rifle if you just grab the first root you see and hang on till something better shows up. Better not look for big opportunity on the park bench. That portion of the vineyard is overcrowded just at present."

"Go to work at any honest labor that you see lying around loose and with a smile on your countenance. If you get your hands a little dirty, always remember it's no disgrace and that a little soap and water will clean them. A good deal of grime and grimey ground and that the politicians are sprouting is piffle to catch votes. So don't be frightened. Opportunity still knock."

"Life isn't all sunshines and flowers. Shadows will lie in your way and briars will beset your feet, but always remember that 'the darkest hour is just before the dawn' and that a red sunset is but a harbinger of the rising sun—certain and hospitable to you."

Dag Lee's ideas may seem a bit old-fashioned, and they are quite out of harmony with most of the modern theories of the "more abundant life." They may not be of someone else, but they are still sound doctrine and safer to tie up than the specious propaganda so generously passed about these days—Arcadia Arcadian.

ATTEND TECH GRADUATION

Mrs. Paul Raynor, who is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Stetson in Glenview, Ga., this week attended graduation exercises at the Technical High School. De Soto Exposition will be held in Tampa January 31 to February 18, commemorating the 400th anniversary of the famed explorer's expedition. Edwin D. Morgan, editor of the Tampa Morning Tribune, has been placed in charge of this feature.

Three sponge sales on the Tarpon Springs sponge Exchange this month brought a total return of \$43,750.

PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS, THIRD SIX- WEEKS, 2ND SEMESTER

12th grade—June Goodbread, Mildred Lane.
11th grade—Robert Creech.
10th grade—None.
9th grade—None.
8th grade—Louise Byrd, Charles Cress.
7th grade—Betty Speier.
Honor Roll.
12th grade—Edith Aly, Winifred Cruthird, Marjela Elkins, Mary Merriam, Edith Smith.
11th grade—Dorothy Winnie Autrey, Blackhouse, Louise Bookner.
10th grade—Susie Bardyl, Evelyn, Ethelene Glavin, Gladys Eldon, Dona Bledsoe.
9th grade—Jane Sims, Jackie Collier, Henry Kilpatrick, Lulu Scott.
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